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Raised Bill No. 1165

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING REVIEW OF RATES FOR TOWING AND
STORAGE OF MOTOR VEHICLES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 14-66 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (a) (1) No person, firm or corporation shall engage in the business of
5 operating a wrecker for the purpose of towing or transporting for
6 compensation motor vehicles which are disabled, inoperative or
7 wrecked or are being removed in accordance with the provisions of
8 section 14-145, 14-150 or 14-307, unless such person, firm or
9 corporation is a motor vehicle dealer or repairer licensed under the
10 provisions of subpart (D) of this part. (2) The commissioner shall
11 establish and publish a schedule of uniform rates and charges for the
12 nonconsensual towing and transporting of motor vehicles and for the
13 storage of motor vehicles which shall be just and reasonable. [The] On
14 or before July 1, 2005, and each year thereafter, the commissioner
15 [may, from time to time] shall review, and, if appropriate, amend each
16 such schedule and the rates and charges contained therein. In

17 establishing and amending such rates and charges, the commissioner
18 may consider factors, including, but not limited to, rates set by other
19 jurisdictions, charges for towing and transporting services provided
20 pursuant to a contract with an automobile club or automobile
21 association licensed under the provisions of section 14-67 and rates
22 published in standard service manuals. The commissioner shall hold a
23 public hearing for the purpose of obtaining additional information
24 concerning such rates and charges. (3) With respect to the
25 nonconsensual towing or transporting and the storage of motor
26 vehicles, no such person, firm or corporation shall charge more than
27 the rates and charges published by the commissioner. Any person
28 aggrieved by any action of the commissioner under the provisions of
29 this section may take an appeal therefrom in accordance with section
30 4-183, except venue for such appeal shall be in the judicial district of
31 New Britain.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	14-66(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to review annually the schedule of rates and charges for towing and storage of motor vehicles.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]